

Senate File 95 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to coverage of religious or spiritually
2 based health or medical care and including applicability
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.29 Coverage of religious or
2 spiritually based health care.

3 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements
4 of section 514C.6, a policy or contract, or plan established
5 pursuant to chapter 509A, providing for third-party payment or
6 prepayment of health or medical expenses shall not discriminate
7 in approving or covering a health or medical care service on
8 the basis of its religious or spiritual content if expenditures
9 for such a health or medical care service are eligible for
10 deduction as a health or medical care expense as determined by
11 internal revenue service rulings interpreting section 213(d) of
12 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in effect on January 1, 2011.

13 2. This section shall not apply to accident-only,
14 specified disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital
15 confinement indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare
16 supplement, long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical
17 expense coverage as defined by the commissioner, disability
18 income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a supplement
19 to liability insurance, workers' compensation or similar
20 insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

21 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to a third-party
22 payment provider policy or contract, or plan established
23 pursuant to chapter 509A, that is delivered, issued for
24 delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after
25 January 1, 2012.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill creates new Code section 514C.29 which prohibits
28 any policies, contracts, or plans providing for third-party
29 payment or prepayment of health or medical care expenses from
30 discriminating in approving or covering a health or medical
31 care service on the basis of its religious or spiritual
32 content if the service is eligible for deduction as a health or
33 medical care expense as determined by rulings of the internal
34 revenue service interpreting section 213(d) of the Internal
35 Revenue Code of 1986 in effect on January 1, 2011. The bill is

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1 applicable to policies, contracts, or plans delivered, issued
2 for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after
3 January 1, 2012.

4 The bill is not applicable to certain specified types of
5 insurance coverage.